

May 15, 2006 Update

Sonoma 101 Widening Project

- A public meeting to discuss Sonoma 101 is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 from 5:30 to 7pm at the Santa Rosa City Council Chambers at 100 Santa Rosa Boulevard. All are welcome.
- The College Avenue traffic lane closures are anticipated for **May 30**. It will remain in place for two years.
- PG & E has a planned power outage for May 15 that will impact our detour between Bicentennial and Mendocino and between Bicentennial and Ventura from 8:30am-4pm
- Crews will clear and grub the median and shoulders along 101.
- The ground is wet from the extended rainy season and needs to be dried out before concrete can be laid on the freeway mainline near Steele Lane. Steele Lane closures should occur after Memorial Day.
- 4th Street's demolition is scheduled for June 30
- Pile driving will take place between 5th and 9th Streets

Steele Lane

There continues to be delay in implementing traffic restrictions due to wet grade at the mainline. Crews have scarified the soil and Caltrans geotechnical crews may evaluate the conditions. Engineers also discussed digging out wet sections in the soil, altering materials to be used, and proceeding with work on the mainline.

Bad pavement was removed at the mainline shoulder and 6-8 inches of replacement shoulder was constructed. The roadway was restriped to the specifications of the lane reconfigurations needed for construction.

The eventual closure will occur after Memorial Day. Bridge demolition will occur over about 2 weeks including overhang removal and rail demolition. The closure will be in place for 2 years.

College Avenue

The seven lanes on College Avenue will be reduced to 4 lanes starting May 30 and continuing for two years. Westbound, there will be one through lane and one left turn lane. Eastbound, there will be one through lane and one left turn lane.

Electrical work will dominate the work on College through the end of May. More conduits are being laid and the pull box is being lowered at the median.

Crews will begin driving piles from the overhead median prior to the curtain wall removal, with pile driving continuing to the roadway.

Highway 101 to Route 12

Signage is being reconfigured on Highway 12.

Night time detour plans from 101 to Baker and to East St. are being determined. Detailed plans, dates, and times to be announced at the May 17 meeting public meeting.

4th Street Viaduct

3rd Street Remains closed to traffic. There is discussion implementing simultaneous on and off ramp closures at 3rd Street.

4th Street is open.

9th Street pile driving will begin the week of May 15th behind the curtain walls

Caltrans and the contractors weighing the options of keeping either 3rd Street or 9th Street open, or at the least, keeping 9th Street open with one way traffic control.